



Inventor professor wins award

Rafiq Islam awarded Outstanding Scientist for Missouri Academy

MARY CONNORS

Chief Reporter

Rafiq Islam, professor and chair of the chemistry and physics department, became Northwest's very own double threat biochemist.

Chosen as this year's Outstanding Scientist for the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing (MASMC), he also received a U.S. patent this August for his invention on synthesizing nanoparticles.

Since his start with the University in 1996, Islam achieved numerous milestones. Last year he was awarded a \$208,000 grant to further his research on gene regulation involving the polycystic kidney disease, a genetic disorder in which cysts develop on kidneys, causing them to become enlarged. This April, MASMC awarded him with the Outstanding Scientist award in Jefferson City at MASMC's annual meeting.

"They select individuals within Missouri who does research, publications and receive grants for research, but they don't give the award every year," Islam said. "This is my first time receiving it for Northwest, and I was surprised because they didn't notify me, they announced it at the meeting."

The success and research that Islam has conducted at Northwest not only garners attention but assists with the advancement of the



RAFIQ ISLAM

nanoscience program that the school has located in the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

"It's pretty simple to synthesize silver nanoparticles, it causes a very simple chemical reaction just by using a household microwave in different ways," Islam said. "We used carbohydrates and proteins to synthesize them and the particles turned out to be different sizes and shapes which is very important because it defines electrical bodies and other functions."

Islam hopes that companies will be interested in this concept enough to implement it in further studies. Until then, he plans on incorporating his invention in the classroom.

"I am a biochemist so my objective is to use biometric materials for synthesis of Nano particles and to use them in the biological system," Islam said.

Regents approve updated, cheaper health care plan

PHILIP GRUENWALD

Opinion Editor

The Board of Regents rubber-stamped a renewed health care contract for Northwest employees during their Sept. 8 meeting. A health care task force comprised of University faculty and staff, as well as two regents, recommended the bid from Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Kansas City.

Also at the meeting, the eight regents approved an updated student Code of Conduct, presented by Matt Baker, vice president of Student Affairs. Later, the regents passed an updated operational contract for the Northwest Foundation.

Blue Cross, Blue Shield's bid won the task force's recommendation over those from United Healthcare and Aetna. They also provide the current health care for Northwest.

"We have had a strong partnership with Blue Cross, Blue Shield and they have given us excellent customer service," Mary Throener, vice president of Human Resources, said. "They have even given us a dedicated customer service line just for Northwest employees to call on their claim."

Taking effect Jan. 1, the plan features a 5.5 percent decrease in coverage costs. Employees in the "base" plan will pay \$295 less per month in family coverage premiums.

"The whole catalyst for the bid proposals was when a board member, Regent Panethiere said we should try to do something to lower or decrease our family coverage premiums because they were very high," Throener said.

With the passing contract, Blue Cross, Blue Shield allocates \$10,000 toward a wellness fund for the University. The new contract allows \$20,000, which Throener said could

translate into more programs with Weight Watchers as well as healthy lunch presentations.

It points out that people are responsible sometimes for their own wellness, too, Throener said. "It doesn't mean that the insurance is not there for people with maintenance health conditions like diabetes or high blood pressure, or some kind of disease management that they're handling."

"But I do think you can be proactive and even prevent some things from happening down the road. And I think that wellness funding will help us do that."

With the additional resources, students as well as employees could see more programs like the Wellness Fair from 4-6 p.m., Oct. 5 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. There, students and employees can receive flu shots, bone density scans and attend sessions on wellness.

"It's going to focus on the Six Dimensions of Wellness and we'll have vendors there that tie into those, from the campus and the community, so people have an opportunity to come and learn about what they can do to help their wellness wheel balance," Anne Long, office manager in Human Resources, said.

Regent Joseph Bosse emphasized wellness initiatives as a way to reduce the cost of premiums through healthier employee lifestyles. It's a hope that is shared around the Human Resources office.

"It's about occupational wellness, because this is a place that we work, so it's good to have a work/life balance," Long said. "It's good to know what options are available for faculty and staff, so that they know where to go and what resources to utilize in order to be where they want to be in their life and how healthy they want to be."

Faculty art exhibit open for the week

Northwest's annual faculty art exhibit opened Sept. 12. Artwork from nine faculty members is being displayed in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Gallery until Oct. 7.

The exhibit is open to the public 6-9 p.m. Mondays, 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1:30-5 p.m. Sundays. The type of artwork

being displayed includes graphic design, sculpture, ceramics and painting.

Chris Graves, Laura Kukkee, Phil Laber, Armin Mûsham, Bob Schultz, Kim Spradling, Veronica Watkins, Craig Warner, Glenn Williams are the faculty members whose art will be on display.

EVERYTHING YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW IS WRONG.

University president spreads the truth on the recent audit

TREY WILLIAMS

Editor-in-Chief

When the University's audit was released last week, students, faculty, alumni and community members found themselves shell-shocked. But now that some of the smoke has cleared and issues have been addressed, the University may not be in the trouble some previously thought.

Northwest requested the audit that had so many people gossiping about the findings. President John Jasinski said that the University could find no evidence that, in the school's 107-year history, one had ever been performed. So, from January 2010 to July 2010, a team from the Missouri State Auditors office was on campus evaluating the University's monetary and operational efficiency.

"The intent of the audit report, of any audit report, is to provide you – and this is a key word – recommendations, not mandates, not 'You must do this or else we're going to close your university,' not at all," Jasinski said.

Jasinski and the Northwest Leadership Team are focused on taking the auditors' recommendations into consideration, however they do not fully agree with everything in the audit report.

"We'll embrace each of the recommendations and go from there," Jasinski said. "As you read the recommendations, you have to separate what is brought up as a potential constitutional or legal issue and then what might be considered an operational issue."

"To me, operational issues really aren't necessarily audit material. Those are issues for a Board of Regents, a Northwest Leadership Team to decide..."

"How we operate programs, what programs and how much those programs cost, that's a strategic decision. So, I think there are some findings in there that are more on the operational side that go just a bit beyond the intent of an audit."

There is one finding, however, that the auditors' office was in the right to point out – the fact that Northwest has violated laws offering competitive bids. The University has already addressed this issue and will continue to "tighten up" other findings in the report.

It is important to note, as Jasinski stated, that no legal actions are

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directly taken by the auditors' office, not that it is a concern for the University. Missouri State Auditor Tom Schweich started his Sept. 6 webcast with the statement, "We found no fraud or illegal activity."

A statement that may have frightened those who read the citizens copy, is the fact that it says a few times throughout, "Which may be in violation of the Missouri Constitution."

"If you're suggesting that we may have violated the spirit of the Missouri Constitution, what are you not saying?" Jasinski asked. "So did it or did it not? If it did, (the audit) would've said it."

Of the many hot topics that arose from the audit, the University owned airplane is one that really caught the attention of students and made its way around campus.

"What we have to determine, operationally speaking, is – is it the right thing for this University to have a university airplane," Jasinski said. "Is it cost effective? Are we using it appropriately? And if we decide the answers are yes, then we have to decide, do we want to keep it?"

"It's not illegal to have a plane... but if I had the University plane fly me to some social event in Mexico, that's illegal. You can't do that," Jasinski said.

Other matters raised in the report, such as room and board documentation, former president Dean Hubbard's contract and auxiliary services contracts, have either already been addressed or are in the process of being addressed.

The audit report flagged Northwest for not providing a systematic documentation process for why the cost of room and board has increased over the past years.

"We use a systematic process

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Fall concert released

AMANDA SCHULTE-SMITH
Co-Managing Editor

Students will hear the sounds of country music this October as Northwest welcomes the band Lonestar for the Student Activities Council Fall Concert.

The country group will play at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 14, at the Ron Houston Performing Arts Center. Tickets are on sale for students and will be available to the public Sept. 28.

Lonestar's musical legacy is tied to modern-day classics "Amazed," "I'm Already There" and "My Front Porch Looking In." The band also received national success when their hit single, "Amazed," reached No. 1 on both the country charts and the Billboard Hot 100. The band is bringing their well-known hits to Northwest along with songs from their new album Party Heard Around the World.

Kyle Ryals, director of concert programming, is excited to see students reaction to the band coming to Northwest.

"The band is popular for some of their more slow country songs and I am looking forward to people hearing their new songs that are more upbeat," Ryals said.

The opening act for the band is singer/songwriter Graham Colton. Colton is best known for his hit song "Best Days," featured on American Idol. He has toured with the likes of John Mayer, Counting Crows and Dave Matthews Band, and has made appearances on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "The Today Show." His music features a slow rock sound paired with moving lyrics and a casual stage presence.

"I'm ready to see how the students will react to Lonestar's new sound and I think they will like it," Ryals said.

Vice Provost Haddock reaches out

TONY BOTTS
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International recruitment season is in full swing for Northwest and Vice Provost Gregory Haddock. Haddock and Provost Doug Dunham plan to extend a piece of Northwest culture on their trip Japan to perspective Japanese students and parents at the end of the month. The administrators' goal is to entice a group of new students for upcoming trimesters.

"For a trip that we haven't made in person, we would like to see maybe at least anywhere between two to five students (enroll)," Haddock said. "I know that's a small number, but if we're able to go back there that number would increase."

In years past, the University has focused less effort toward marketing and recruiting the area of Japan, unlike in countries where an established pipeline consistently places 15 to 20 students in University programs.

This is not the first time Northwest has targeted Japan as a region of interest. For the last decade, a relationship between the University

and Niigata University, one of the international partner schools with Northwest, has offered Japanese students opportunities to attend the University.

Every fall semester, a group of Japanese students attends the University, taking part and accounting for a quarter of the English as a Second Language program.

While the University is accustomed to housing students from India, Mexico, China and other international cultures, Northwest is attempting to boost the intercultural experience for Japanese students.

"In terms of our University internationalization goal, because it's not just about bring students in, but it's also about increasing our intercultural experience for our domestic students, as well," Haddock said.

Part of Haddock's recruitment strategy is the role Maryville and the community plays in diversifying international students when they arrive at the University.

"If you're coming from Mexico or China, and you're coming to Maryville, Missouri, you will get a midwestern immersive environment," Haddock said.

Northwest choirs earn prestigious bids

MARY CONNORS
Chief Reporter

For the first time in University history, two of Northwest's choirs have been accepted to perform at both state and national competitions.

"Like music to my ears," pun intended, best defines the experience of members of both Tower Choir and The Madraliers as they received the news, confirming that they were invited to perform at both state and national competitions. They auditioned for these competitions in spring of last year.

"It's like Division I football" Stephen Town said, the director of Tower choir. "Northwest will be singing against these choirs that come from these huge programs."

The Tower Choir, composed of 48 members, will be competing in the National Collegiate Choral Organization conference at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 against the top 12 colleges and universities throughout the nation. The music selection is decided by the conference, but will incorporate literature from the English school for both chorus and organ.

"The NCCO is like the NCAA of the Chorale organization. This is a huge opportunity," Town said.

Tower Choir's second opportunity to perform will be at 11 a.m. on Nov. 18 at the Nebraska Music Educators Association state competition. Here, they will compete against a range of groups from grade school through college and the music selection will focus on Latin and English. Tower Choir is the only ensemble from Missouri that will compete in this Nebraska conference.

"It's the responsibility of the choir to show that they can perform different styles of music,"



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Charles Badami on piano helps lead the Tower Choir through vocal warm ups in preparation for the National Choral Organization Conference held on Nov. 4 and the Nebraska Music Educators state competition held on Nov. 18

Brian Lanier, director of The Madraliers, said.

Lanier shared the same excitement for an opportunity that he is experiencing for the first time in his 26 years of teaching.

"This is why we perform. We work hard and it's both humbling and exciting to have such a great opportunity," Lanier said.

The Madralier's 38-voice chamber choir will compete at two conventions in spring of next year. The first will be at the Missouri Music Educators Association 74th Annual Workshop/Conference on Jan. 26-27. The national conference chose the top 32 ensembles, bands, choirs and orchestras out of 142 applications to perform with only three college choirs making the cut.

The state convention will take place in Dallas, Texas from

Feb. 29-March 2, by the American Choral Directors Association Southwest Division. Participating choirs are only allowed to apply every four years and are chosen from only seven states. Out of the 97 auditions, 20 choirs are invited and seven colleges were selected to participate.

For the national competition, both choirs had to submit an anonymous CD of their work from the past three years along with a program of songs performed. A panel of judges listens to each audio CD submitted and chose choirs based on consistency, growth and overall performance. Both directors had different views on the expectation of their choirs.

"As conductors we select music our students can learn, we select modern music and facilitate how they sing," Town said.

Weekend Events

Friday, September 16

- Alpha Phi Alpha's "A Voteless People are a Hopeless People" Voter Registration Drive
- DeLuce Gallery: Northwest's Department of Art Faculty Exhibit
- Independence Day, Mexico
- Last date to change a trimester course to audit
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Zeta Week
- Co-Rec Volleyball Entries Due
- Articulation agreement signing with St. Luke's School of Radiologic Technology J.W. Jones Student Union at 9 a.m.
- Blue Cross, Blue Shield visiting campus for employees Administration Building at 10 AM
- Nodaway County Historical Museum: Third Friday Program Nodaway County Historical Museum at 1 p.m.
- Fraternity Bid Day J.W. Jones Student Union at 5 p.m.
- Gamma Alpha Lambda Rush Workshop Wesley Center at 5 p.m.
- Sigma Alpha Rush Week Walk Agriculture Center at 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 17

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Community Service
- Alpha Phi Alpha's "A Voteless People are a Hopeless People" Voter Registration Drive
- DeLuce Gallery: Northwest's Department of Art Faculty Exhibit
- Co-Rec Volleyball Entries Due
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Zeta Week
- BRUSH-Beautifying Residence Using Student Help Wesley Student Center at 8 a.m.
- Student Dietetic Association Community 5K Fun Run/Walk Administration Building at 10 a.m.
- Football at Lincoln Jefferson City, MO at 2 p.m.
- Soccer vs. Southwest Baptist Bearcat Pitch at 2 p.m.

Sunday, September 18

- Alpha Phi Alpha's "A Voteless People are a Hopeless People" Voter Registration Drive
- DeLuce Gallery: Northwest's Department of Art Faculty Exhibit
- Independence Day, Chile
- Northwest Madraliers Retreat Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Zeta Week
- Co-Rec Volleyball Entries Due
- St. Louis Alumni & Friends chapter wine trip to Montelle Winery Montelle Winery at 12:30 p.m.
- Catholic mass Newman Center at 7 p.m.
- Homecoming fall meetings Colden Hall at 7 p.m.

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City sees new shops

MARY CONNORS
Chief Reporter

Hawley Wood Thrift Shop, Photography by Reba and The Art Experience opened their doors to the residents of Maryville with a mutual disposition: to provide affordable, top quality service to their customers.

While downtown has undergone multiple construction projects in attempts to repair and revive the city life, such as newly paved roads and renovated buildings, the Maryville business community is expanding as well.

Reba Hageman, owner of Photography by Reba, and Lisa Loe, owner of The Art Experience, teamed up to open separate businesses in a building that they purchased together. Their studio replaces Bearcat Boogie, a dance studio that was previously located on the corner of Fourth and Main. This June, the two friends finalized their previous plans of owning their own business and took advantage of the space that was up for sale.

"I've played with the idea since 2005, but the opportunity never presented itself," Hageman said. "I've always been interested in photography so after my second child



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Photography by Reba and the Art Experience opened this June in Maryville and it on the corner of Fourth and Main.

I bought myself a camera and I've been taking pictures for friends since then."

"The portrait studio offers prices to accommodate the average income but delivers top price quality," said Hageman. Hageman stresses that in a family community such as Maryville, it is important to capture moments that people want to remember forever. The studio offers gift certificates, holiday specials and on-location photography.

With photography on one side and an art gallery on the other, the artistic spirit of Bearcat Boogie

Dance Studio is far from gone. Loe, a Maryville High School teacher and wife of Northwest coach Darin Loe, recalled the excitement of opening her shop.

"I was surprised to see how many people were eager to come in and get started on doing something," Loe said. "We have so much going on that it's impossible to not be engaged."

The Art Experience offers a variety of classes and workshops for ages four and older. Wheel Throwing, placing clay on the potter's wheel to make pottery, has been the

studio's most popular activity, but that is only one of many classes that can be taught. Prices start at \$15 and sessions are held after school hours during the week and begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

The nestled spot on Fourth and Main Street provide automatic advertisement for both businesses. Both women agree that the location of their shop is perfect for the amount of traffic they conduct. their location definitely beats any space issues that they may have to

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Basic maintenance begins on roads

MEGHAN BROWNFIELD
Missourian Reporter

The devastating flood that occurred four months ago is still affecting travelers. The Missouri Department of Transportation has not seen a flood this bad since 1993.

Last weekend, MODOT began basic maintenance and cleaning up the sides of roads where water is receding. U.S. Route 136 in Atchison County is in the worst condition. The water's movement ruined the top and bottoms of the roads and will need repaired.

"The damage amount is anywhere from \$10 to 20 million so far," said Black.

MODOT has been doing everything they can to make traveling easier the last four months. They put up signs for people to take alternate routes, even though it is an inconvenience for commuters, costing more time and money.

Traffic on U.S. Highways 71, 59, 135 and 136 increased dramatically over the last few months. MODOT is seeing more traffic on U.S. Highway 71, that runs through Maryville, and sees travelers use these four roads to get to Nebraska and Kansas.

MODOT tries to keep travelers informed by having regular press releases on their website, modot.org, which provides updates and photos of the destruction. There is general information on their website that tells what roads are closed or if there will be delays. It also has traveling tips and maps showing the flooding.

Customer Relations Manager, Melissa Black said the water levels have dropped enough to start looking at the damages. There are still 18 major roads that are covered with water but it is receding slowly.

"I encourage everyone to drive safely due to the increase in traffic and to use our website to find alternate routes," Black said.

General revenue report shows fiscal improvement

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The recent general revenue report released for August 2011 showed that Missouri residents have improved their financial standing compared to last year. The revenue report summarizes the flow of tax monies in Missouri.

State Budget Director Linda Luebbering announced that the 2012 fiscal year-to-date general revenue collections increased 4.2 percent compared to 2011, from \$1.04 billion last year to \$1.09 billion this year.

Luebbering commented on the increase, saying that while there is little information known about better income rates, she sees an increase in individual income taxes,

as well as an increase in sales tax collections.

"We do believe we are seeing some signs of an improving economy," Luebbering said. "Of course nationally and internationally there is still a lot of uncertainty out there."

The report went on to say that individual income tax collections have increased three percent for the year, from \$751.3 million last year to \$773.8 million this year. Sales and use tax collections jumped 5.2 percent for this year, from 305.2 million last year to \$321 million this year.

Missouri residents can take pride in this change, as it means Missouri is right on track as far as revenue collections for the year.

Luebbering was satisfied with the report and suggested a possible increase in revenue collections over the next couple of years.

"The report basically says that we are seeing some slow improvement in our revenue collections of course that's coming off a base that is much lower than it was just a couple of years ago," Luebbering said.

While the collections have improved, an estimate on what can be expected for the next couple of years may be out of the question until the consensus is developed later this year.

"We don't really have projections yet beyond the current year. We're looking at a growth of about two percent, at least that's the cur-

rent estimate," Luebbering said. "We won't have exact estimate for the next fiscal year until we meet with the legislator in December."

For the time being, Missouri can know that an increase in revenue collections means more money being spent and a possible upward change in the economy.





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OUR VIEW:

The audit, without the hype

Last week, Northwest’s admin- istration had the unfortunate task of responding to the Missouri state audit. People from across the state waited anxiously for the Universi- ty’s reaction, and in the meantime, believed their own rumors about what they thought happened.

President John Jasinski wants you to know that Northwest did not commit fraud or any sort of il- legal activity. The auditors made recommendations, not mandates, over a few items that the North- west administration mostly knew about.

But they’re still not off the

hook. Our auxiliary services con- tracts were not bid in the way they should have been. Former presi- dent Dean Hubbard’s contract got out of hand, even for a memorable leader like himself. And the non- profit Foundation’s monies have strict guidelines as to how they can be spent.

Thankfully, the Northwest Leadership Team is aware of these issues. They knew about them during the auditors’ seven-month visit at Northwest and they were reminded of them when the audit’s findings were released Sept. 6.

The NLT has plans to update or

terminate contracts with the book- store as well as the cafeteria within 15-18 months. They have already completed cost-benefits analyses of the University-owned airplane before the auditors’ findings were released, and will likely keep the plane operational. The Board of Regents approved an agreement with the Foundation during their meeting Sept. 9, pending further action by the Northwest Founda- tion Board of Directors.

Our administration seems e- ager to move on and move forward. Our view is that we all do the same as well.



FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN

Former University President Dean Hubbard celebrates Northwest in 2008, during the end of his presidency. The recent audit revealed flaws in his contract with Northwest.

CAMPUS TALK

What was your reaction to the state audit?



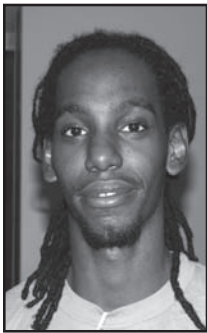
“I think it’s kind of weird how we’re just flying around with money and we have a plane that’s apparently just sitting there and I think we should sell it because it’s pretty weird how we’re just not doing any- thing with a plane.”

Nathan Morche
Applied Advertising



“They kind of said some bad things about Northwest in a bad way, kind of a negative view. I think it’s kind of bad that we just started school with new freshmen and it’s portraying a bad image for North- west.”

Cody Niles
Marketing Management



“If it’s true the things I’ve been hearing, it’s just a bad look for North- west. Completely. It just looks bad when the funds were not being placed where they were supposed to be.”

Stanley Taylor
Business Management/
Computer Science



“I thought it was very interesting to hear just due to the fact that I’ve worked on camp- us in multiple set- tings and I’ve had the ability to work with a budget. It was interesting to see the numbers.”

Peter Trujillo
Biological
Psychology



“An audit shows all the negative things, so it never shows the posi- tives, so it’s just all the bad. But I didn’t know we had an airplane. I didn’t know they used an airplane. Maybe they don’t.”

Abby Hood
Accounting

Republicans and the realignment game

Philip Gruenwald
Opinion Editor



Whoever planned last Wednesday’s GOP Reagan Debate sure didn’t have the party’s best interest in mind.

Eight leading Republican presidential hopefuls faced off Sept. 7 in the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. And eight very different, almost combative views were transmitted to mil- lions of Americans. If the point of the debate was to see how these Republicans could win the con- fidence of the American public, they would have been better off with a group hug and a private meeting. After what was said in the debate, it’s hard to have a lot of confidence in the GOP.

It was a circus. Michele Bach- mann’s dubious energy plans of \$2-gallon gas put her intelligence in the same mocking spotlight as Sarah Palin’s. Rick Perry’s ego is the size of his home state, Texas.

And debate host, Tom Brokaw, made Ron Paul’s anti-regulation theories sound like sheer lunacy.

Worse yet, they couldn’t agree on basic policies, especially gov- ernment involvement. For ex- ample, if Bachmann is elected, we won’t have the Department of Education. If Perry is elected, we may not have Social Security. If Ron Paul is elected, we won’t have modern currency, any form of air- port security, FEMA or much of any government agencies.

For the sake of the country, the GOP needs to realign its party values. Voting representatives in the House and Senate need to support each other to stop big is- sues, like government spending in the private sector. For the sake of the election, the clock is tick- ing for these folks to get their act together or else there will be a se- rious split in Republican votes in 2012.

Meanwhile, President Barack Obama’s American Jobs Act put his economy restructuring plans right at the people’s level. By de- lineating exactly how he would

like to create jobs and increase wages, Obama pitched his eco- nomic strategy directly to Amer- ica. Now, it may not pass, and if it does, it probably won’t work. Anyway, kudos to the commander in chief for being specific.

But this is Obama we’re talk- ing about – the man behind the gazillion-page “Obamacare” bill. He shouldn’t have the luxury of making grandiose vows that he likely can’t follow through with, and he definitely shouldn’t be able to keep promising better things to gullible America. That’s not what the incumbent candidate does – we’re supposed to know better by now.

Mitt Romney began the de- bate by urging the other seven to get along so they could defeat Obama. Minutes later, he was grilled for his controversial health care initiatives in New Jersey. Minutes after that, he criticized Perry’s Social Security plan. If Republicans don’t figure out how to speak with one voice, Obama can get used to hanging his hat in the White House.

U.N.’s Palestinian border talks miss the point

Chance Long
Contributing Columnist



Recent discussions with the U.N. about Israel retreating back to the 1967 borders with Palestine sent shock and awe to the people of Is- rael.

While in Israel this summer, I learned and saw more than I could ever had imagined. Going back to the ’67 borders makes me wonder how the Palestinians can take away some- thing so holy to the Jewish people.

Standing at the Western Wall, often described as the Wailing Wall, I was stunned. It was 10 p.m. and I was surrounded by Jewish women from all over the world. Standing there putting my prayer in the wall, I looked to my right and could see the crying coming from the woman standing next to me.

At that time, I really could not figure out how someone could be so emotional about a wall. But then as I backed up, never showing my back to the wall because it is considered a sign of disrespect, I looked up. This massive wall, filled with prayers from millions of visitors, sends chills run- ning down your back.

The Wailing Wall is the closest place to the most sacred Jewish holy monument. Sadly, the Jewish people cannot get any closer than the West-

ern Wall because the area beyond it is in the Arab section of the Holy City and Jewish people are asked not to enter. This is one of the main reasons why there is an Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Holy City in Israel con- tains highly important monuments from three of the world’s main reli- gions.

Few people really understand the conflict, but here is a rough his- tory: Israel was established in 1948 as the Jewish state in Palestine. To understand the long and fiery history of Israel, you must understand what Israel and Palestine are. The coun- try of Israel is a state that allows all Jewish people who were dispersed around the world to be allowed to come back to their holy lands and gain citizenship in Israel. Palestine is the actual land where Israel is lo- cated. The area was given the name before Israel became a state. There is no such thing as a Palestinian race of people. Palestinians are Arabs who live in Israel and do not believe in the Jewish state.

Today, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip have been turned over to the Palestinians. Not a single Jew takes residence there, but without a real leader, the Gaza Strip has been taken over by Hamas, the terrorist organization. Also since the recent Arab Spring (the current Arab coun- tries in uprising), the Gaza Strip has become even more dangerous.

Currently, there is a proposal



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Junior Chance Long takes in the Western Wall in Jerusalem, Israel.

pending action by an actual vote to the United Nations, asking the Pal- estinians to make Israel go back to the borders it had in 1967. These borders were a result of the Six Day War, where Arabs from surround- ing countries took some main areas of the country. With these borders, you can travel across Israel in all of 10 minutes.

After all the pain and hardship Jewish people have endured over the last 100 years, it is hard to believe the Palestinian people would want to take away the wall that Jewish people call holy.

WHAT THE DEUCE

Fix your recruitment, Greeks

When the games we play begin to play us, maybe it’s time for a change. This week marks the end of fall recruitment, the stringent rules of which would have terrified communists in Soviet Russia. The absurdly restrictive guidelines for Greek recruitment at Northwest earn them this week’s spot on What the Deuce.

Swap stories with your Greek brothers or sisters at a larger uni- versity like Mizzou or K-State, and you may be moved to transfer. At a school with so many students, they don’t have as strict “dirty rushing” restrictions like we do at Northwest. Because we have those rules in writing, it seems that we are quick to point out when they are not being followed. The result: the last few weeks have been miserably repressive for upper classmen fraternity and sorority members.

Sorority members cannot personally recommend their sorority to freshmen girls in a one-on-one conversation. They have to wait un- til an actual recruitment event, which cannot include alcohol, the op- posite gender or religious discussion. These events are also limited to the same amount as other organizations, so one fraternity or sorority doesn’t appear to have an advantage over the other.

On top of this, sororities have their Facebook and Twitter accounts deactivated. Sorority girls cannot enter fraternity houses, and frater- nity guys can’t hang out in Roberta Hall. And these were supposed to be social organizations. Oops.

Thank God sorority recruitment is over. Guys, hang in there one more day.



KARI KOLTS | NW MISSOURIAN

Sigma Kappa members celebrate their new recruits on Bid Day, Sept. 12.

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for setting room and board fees, we’ve got it, we do it annually,” Jasinski said. “It’s actually starting now for next year and Vice President of Finance Stacy Carrick will be engaging with our students first. We start with our students and engage them in the process.

“I think the real thought process there was they were not seeing that formal documentation year in and year out from years gone by,” Jasinski said.

Jasinski said that though they have the official process in place, they have become accustom to doing it. Now they have gotten out of practice of formally documenting the process and this is where the issue came form.

“All we’re going to do is make sure we put a systematic process on paper and be able to retrieve it,” Jasinski said.

Jasinski, the NLT and the Board of Regents have taken two of the three auxiliary service contracts and are already moving to get those finalized.

Jasinski said that the facilities side of auxiliary services will be done and ready to go by July 2012 and the bookstore by August 2012. The University hopes to have the dining contract done by June 2013.

“So within what, 20 months we’re going to have all three of the

auxiliary service contracts not just studied, reviewed and all these steps, we’re going to take it all the way through having vendor evaluations and presentations,” Jasinski said. “The audit says 24 to 36 months and we’re going to have all three done in 20.”

The report from the auditors’ office released Sept. 6 had some people around the University worried. It got people talking. And it had them demanding a response.

The University has responded, and at least for now, all signs point to greener pastures.

“As you look at the three findings that are the first three on purpose in this audit – auxiliary services, done. Presidents’ contract, I can assure you, done. The foundation agreement, the board passed the agreement at the last meeting,” Jasinski said.

“So, you’re talking about the three major findings of our first audit, complete.

“If I were a student trying to get my head around it and trying to understand what is a state audit, what is the administration doing about the state audit, I would feel good as a student because the University is being responsive, not ducking for cover and saying, ‘Hey, here are the findings. Come and talk to the president, ask him questions,’” Jasinski said.

“And by the way, we’ve got it covered, in your best interest, we’ve got it covered.”

SHOPS

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face in the future.

The same is true of Hawley Wood Thrift Shop owners Ryan and Craig Schuler. The two brothers own and operate the family business that is located on the corner of Fifth and Main Street. Since May, they have bought, sold and traded collectible posters, knives, furniture and everything in between with members of the community.

“My brother and I have always collected things and Maryville is the perfect place to open an affordable thrift store that offers secondhand items,” Ryan said. “The community has been fantastic and business has been really good. We have a big wish list with our customers.”

The perks of this local trading spot is that they offer local furniture delivery for \$10, a fee that they waive if you are a registered student, as well as a 48-hour layaway plan.

The expansion of Downtown Maryville is more than what meets the eye. As old buildings are repaired and new structures are placed to decorate the streets, Maryville is slowly evolving into a land of more opportunity.

“Maryville is a family oriented community,” said Hageman. “This business allows me to meet people from all different walks of life.”



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN
New Hawley Wood thrift store at the corner of Fifth and Main sells and trades collectibles, furniture, and posters.



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN
The Bearcat Steppers preform at Bearcat Zone on Saturday Aug. 10 before the game against Sioux Falls. Bearcat fans, students and alumni gathered to celebrate Bearcat football. The cheerleaders and the marching band also preformed. The marching band pinned red hats to their uniforms in honor of Scott Bostwick.

University offers hands on experience

Northwest’s Department of Computer Science and Information Systems will host its annual Computing Visit Day Saturday, Oct. 15.

The event is open for high school students interested in learning about a variety of computing-related careers. The day will include informational sessions that will have hands-on activities where students can work with different kinds of hardware and software, including programs developed by Northwest students and faculty.

Not only will those attending get to use University programs, but they will get a day to interact with Northwest students, faculty and alumni, ask questions and learn more about their potential careers.

The day’s activities start at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments in Colden Hall and conclude with a complimentary lunch. The event ends at 1 p.m. with an optional campus tour afterward.

Students and families can find more information about registering and details about the program online at nwmissouri.edu/dept/csis/visitday by Wednesday, Oct. 12.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael Rogers at Michael@nwmissouri.edu or 660.562.1551.

NORTHWEST STUDENT MEDIA DAY

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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Sept. 12
There is an ongoing investigation of Larceny at 600 block South Main.

Sept. 11
There is an ongoing investigation for assault at 900 block East 4th Street.

An accident occurred between Kassandra D. Salyer, Maryville, Mo, and an unknown driver at 900 block North Main.

Sept. 10
Thomas G. Clanton, 17, Liberty, Mo, was charged with MIP at 600 block North Buchanan.

Tyler R. Pierce, 20, Omaha, Neb, was charged with MIP and false information to a PSO at 500 block West 4th Street.

Justin T. Pachmaryr, 20, Maryville, Mo, was charged with MIP at 500 block North Fillmore.

Clay J. Simmons, 18, Maryville, Mo, was charged with MIP at 300 block West 1st Street.

Steven A. Stuart, 30, Maryville, Mo, was charged with Domestic Assault at Faustiana Place.

Sept. 9
Thomas E. Hooker, 51, Glenmoore, PA, was charged with Wanted on Warrant-Failure to Appear/Failure to Pay on 400 block North Market.

There is an ongoing investigation of Larceny on 200 block West 12th Street.

Jared L. Fox, 19, Maryville, Mo, was charged with possession of altered/fictitious driver’s license on 1200 block South Main.

Hayley L. Krebs, 20, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was charged with MIP at 100 block East 4th Street.

Gretchen J. Kroese, 19, Adams, Neb, was charged with MIP at 300 block West 12th Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of Burglary at 900 block South Main.

Logann T. Halloran, 20, Maryville, Mo, was charged with MIP at 1200 block North Mulberry.

Bryce W. Arrington, 18, Maryville, Mo, was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at 700 block East 1st Street.

Sept. 8
There is an ongoing investigation of Fraud at 1600 block South Main.

David L.A. Mosley Jr., 21, Maryville, Mo, was charged for driving without a valid driver’s license and improper lane usage at 1300 block South Main.

Sept. 7
Maycee L. Hoover, 19, Maryville, Mo, was charged with MIP and possession of an altered/fictitious license at 400 block North Buchanan.

An accident occurred between Helen R. Goruch, 91, Maryville, Mo, and Dillon J. Stiens, 19, Maryville, Mo, at 200 block East 1st Street.

Garrett M. Hofstetter, 18, Maryville, Mo, was charged with DWI, MIP and failure to maintain within marked boundaries and Joseph J. Zoellner, 18, Maryville, Mo, was charged with MIP at 900 block South Main.

Sept. 6
There is an ongoing investigation of lost/stolen property at 1100 block South Main.

An accident occurred between David L. Hurst, 39, Elmo, Mo, and Gerald R. Harr, 52, Maryville, Mo, at U.S. Highway 71 and East South Avenue. Hurst was issued

a citation for Failure to Yield.

Sept. 4
There is an ongoing investigation of assault on 700 block North Mulberry.

Christopher M. Keating, 20, Maryville, Mo and Ryan A. Bodicky, 20, Maryville, Mo, were charged with MIP at 400 block West 4th Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of Burglary at 400 block North Main.

Kyle J. Miller, 22, Maryville, Mo, was charged with Disorderly Conduct at 300 block North Market.

Sept. 3
Todd J. Suntken, 19, Maryville, Mo, Taylor A. Vogelsmeier, 19, Maryville, Mo, Keith M. Gascoigne, 18, Maryville, Mo, and Dakota J. Sullivan, 20, Maryville, Mo, were charged with MIP at 1800 block North Main.

An accident occurred between Steven D. Coulter, Guilford, Mo, and an unknown driver at 1200 block South Main.

Casey L. Babcock, 19, St. Joseph, Mo, and Trenton J. Gilbert, 18, King City, Mo, were charged with MIP at 1800 block North Main.

Lori L. Lambuth, 37, Maryville, Mo, was charged with sale of alcohol to a minor and James D. Soil, 18, Maryville, Mo, and Samuel R. Griffing, 18, Maryville, Mo, and Luke A. Healy, 18, Maryville, Mo, were charged with MIP at 600 block North Main.

Sept. 2
Kimberly J. Jensen, 19, Maryville, Mo, was charged with MIP and misrepresentation of age to obtain intoxicants at 400 block North Buchanan.

Sept. 1
An accident occurred between Karl J. Dailey, 19, Maryville, Mo, and Marvin W. Pierson, Maryville, Mo, at 3100 block East 1st Street. Dailey was issued a citation for leaving the scene of an accident.

There was a fire report and building collapse at 400 block North Main.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 200 block West 2nd Street.

Ashton D. Vandivert, 19, Maryville, Mo, was charged with MIP at 400 block North Buchanan.

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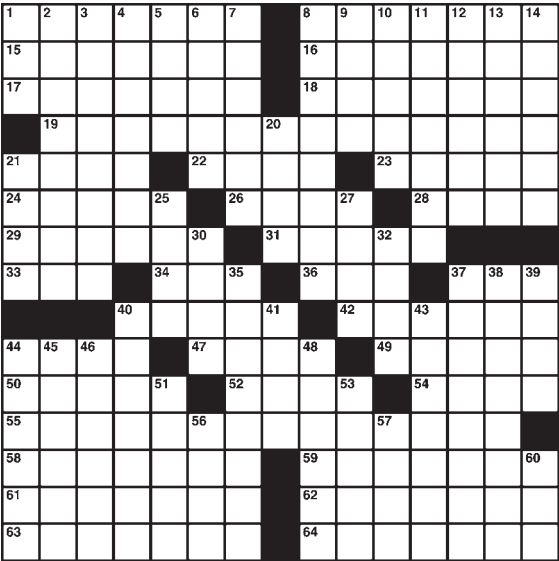
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- 1 Name thought to mean "father of many"
- 8 Like Rubens
- 15 Song title words after "The future's not ours to see"
- 16 Novel genre
- 17 20th-century Riyadh-born ruler
- 18 Axes to grind
- 19 1966 Candlestick Park highlight
- 21 Pier gp.
- 22 Correct
- 23 "I give up!"
- 24 Inclement weather sounds
- 26 Early L.A. Times publisher Harrison Gray
- 28 Acronymous gun
- 29 Old Turkish leader
- 31 "The Curse of Capistrano" hero
- 33 Small missions?
- 34 Baseball glove part
- 36 Theoretical extreme
- 37 Health facility
- 40 Not at all active
- 42 Mainline?
- 44 Ride
- 47 Stiff
- 49 Close call
- 50 They're involved in joints
- 52 Old pol. divisions
- 54 Emmy-winning NFL analyst Collinsworth
- 55 Subject of an annual contest held in Brooklyn
- 58 Suppress
- 59 Ambushed
- 61 "1984" superstate
- 62 Son of Aaron

Down

- 1 EPA stat
- 2 Aptly named soda brand
- 3 Circulation measure
- 4 Charge
- 5 Wave makeup
- 6 "Any fool can make ___": Thoreau
- 7 Squeaked by
- 8 Small part
- 9 Wikipedia's globe, e.g.
- 10 Correct
- 11 Nick of "Heartbreakers"
- 12 Move from the edge
- 13 "The Odds Against Me" autobiographer John
- 14 1956 Moses player
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- 25 Shortened, in a way
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- 30 Old Nair alternative
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- 35 Military bigwig
- 37 Daydream
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- 39 They may be brown or pale
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- 41 Rear
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- 44 Final stage, as of a career
- 45 Memorial tablet
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By Barry C Silk



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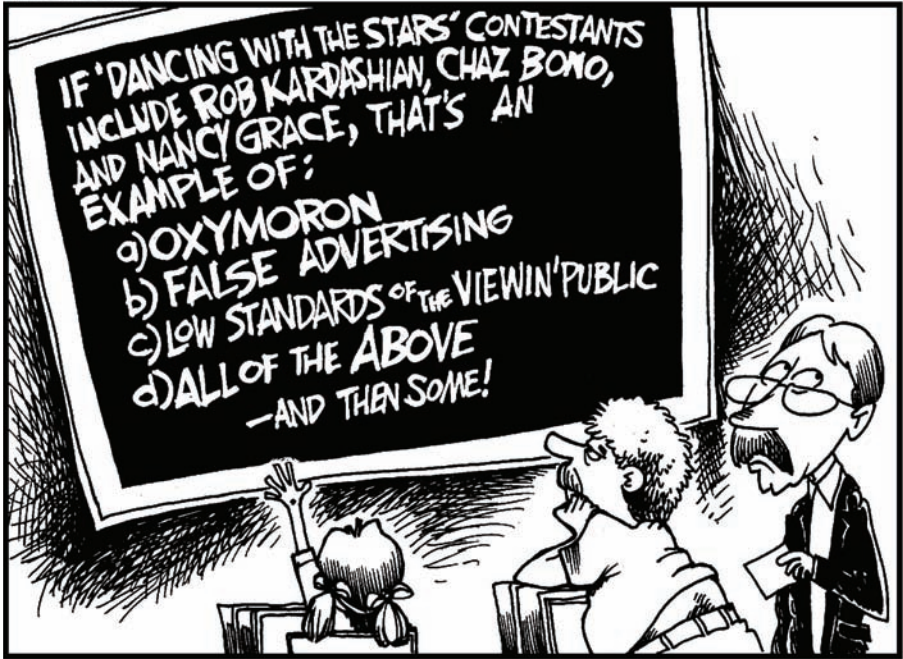
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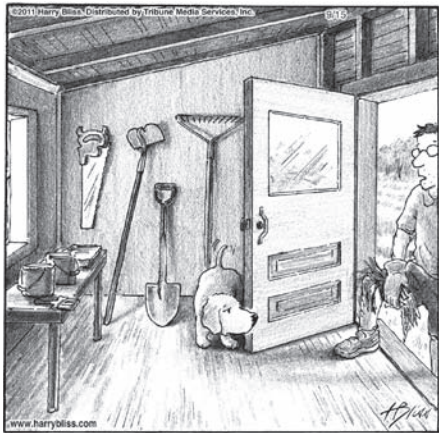
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THE OREO TRAGEDY

Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (09/15/11). Spend less than you earn this year to keep a steady forward progress. Financial growth looks likely, and it may take discipline. Look before you leap, and research major decisions. Change brings excitement. New love enters the stage.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Venus enters Libra for the next 225 days. In general, love, beauty and art will flower. Simple appreciation of quality satisfies.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- The finer things in life call to you, but you should resist spending impulsively. Create a plan to attain your desire permanently. You've got the power.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 7 -- You may want to talk about beauty and romance, but consider your words carefully. Be respectful as you stand up for a passionate cause. Make a strategic plan.

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Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Words of justice stir you to action. Some chaos at work and on the roads makes staying close to home a good idea. Share a meal with someone interesting.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- There's a test or a challenge ahead. Try doing something you've never done before, if the answer's not obvious. Don't try to pay everyone's way. They want to contribute.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Find a way to make your personal anxieties productive. Use nervous energy to get the dishes washed. There's always something to learn. Express yourself through art or science.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You may want to win every argument today, but choose your battles well and save energy for those worth fighting. It's a balancing act, especially where love is concerned.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- You can't be in two places at the same time, no matter how hard you try. The closest approximation is to teach

someone the job you love less, and hand it over to them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- You're very attractive now (in spite of yourself). Focus on a passion. You appreciate loveliness. Write some poetry, especially if you don't know how.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Use creative energy to make your home work for you. Small changes in decoration go a long way for your self-esteem. A new low-energy light bulb saves money, which adds up quickly.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Focus on fine-tuning your place for the next couple of days. Make sure your nest is in order and that you're comfortable with where everything is. This provides peace.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Get in communication with the people that need to hear from you (you know who they are). They'll be glad, and you benefit from the conversation. It lightens your spirit.

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Answers for the Sept. 8 issue.

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Maryville Public Safety tries to keep small town quiet despite negative attitudes.

Ben Lawson
Features Editor

Mark Stolte, Maryville Public Safety Officer, cruises Maryville roads looking for law-breakers and responding to complaints. He and his fellow officers make efforts to keep the peace in this small town but some residents are not so grateful.

One Maryville party-goer angrily spits insults at Stolte when he and two other officers responded to a disturbance call Sept. 2.

“We don’t go to peace disturbance calls unless there has been a complaint,” Stolte said. “Its not like we want to break up a party, we are just doing our jobs.”

When the officers arrived at the party they stayed hidden behind tall bushes and scanned the outside of the property looking for the most direct and quickest way up to the house in case anyone tried to run. The officers were there for at least five minutes before they made their presence known.

The party was hosted in a tan, well-kept double wide trailer. People sat laughing and

talking in lawn chairs and on steps in front of the trailer. The bass from the party’s music leaked outside the home.

When Stolte and his fellow officers, Jeremy Ferris and Mark Hozen, approached the trailer, people dropped beverages and tossed chairs aside in a rush towards the front door. Hozen hopped a fence along the outside of the property to grab one underage individual by the upper arm before he could escape.

When MPS responds to a complaint about a party, usually three officers approach on foot and one cruises nearby in a police vehicle, in case anyone tries to flee.

“You’re not going to outrun an officer in a car being given directions by on-foot officers via radio,” Stolte said.

People muttered slurs at the officers as they order just over a dozen people to leave the party. One party-goer, who was drinking and of age, hurled insults at Stolte. Stolte escorted him off the property before his friends were able to calm him down.

Only one violation was given out for a minor in possession. The resident of the property did not receive a ticket for disturbing the peace because of her cooperation.

On an average night there are three or four public safety officers on duty. For nights like Halloween or events like Homecoming, there could be between six and eight.

Most of the officer’s time or concern is not spent on busting parties. Ferris says most of their attention goes to traffic violations.

In some situations citizens would call in concerns about drunk driving. All complaints do not result in a violation, but others prove legitimate.

Around midnight Sept. 2., a complaint was made about a possible drunk driver. Stolte pulled the man over in the parking lot of Nodaway Valley Bank.

The St. Joseph man’s eyes were glazed over as he climbed clumsily out of his truck for a field sobriety test. The man shuffled over to the most well-lit part of the parking lot. He focused as hard as he could when Stolte gave directions, but his efforts didn’t help the situation. He swayed back and forth as he tried to walk in a straight line and bounced around as he struggled to stay standing on one foot. After the test, he was arrested for driving under the influence.

On a typical night, most violations officers give out are minor in possession, driving while intoxicated, traffic related charges and disturbing the peace.

Stolte and Ferris insist they do not show up anywhere unless a complaint has been made.

Stolte says he knows people are going to drink. He just advises when out in public people need to act in a civil manner to avoid drawing attention to themselves.

“We are not here to stop the fun, just to keep the peace,” Ferris said.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

THE STROLLER

Your Man talks about long distance romance

So there I was, proudly gazing at a few completed Sudoku sheets stained with tomato juice rings and trying not to cry. You see, my roommate was on the phone with the dame he left behind in Nebraska, trying to convince her that he really was just studying with that freckly girl from farm management class last night. His country kitten is a nice girl, but you know what they say: The corn is always sweeter on the other side of the hog pen.

It happens every year, folks. Long-distance relationships carried over from high school are simply doomed from the start. You see, freshmen dudes were just recently senior dudes, so they come in here all cocky (no pun intended) and trying to get some action, thinking they're the hottest thing since The Situation changed his name from The Salutation. Yeah. Bet-cha didn't know that one.

You know what I think? I think girls back home need to convince their beaus to get involved with a club, organization, sport, fraternity or gang. It's a great way to keep your guy from fooling around.

For example, get your guy to one of the fraternity recruitment events. Once he is inducted into the prestigious halls

of his brotherhood, his fraternity house will host large social gatherings, which I'm assuming are open for gentlemen only. There, your boy will be intellectually stimulated with sporting debate about his favorite candidate from the former Whig party (William Henry Harrison all the way, fools) over roast quail and Cabernet.

If that's not his cup of tea, your guy can try out for a sports team. Once he makes the cut, he will of course be too busy with strength training and workouts to spend time talking with other girls. I'm sure the gym bunnies won't even notice his nicely worked torso and rippling biceps. I actually heard that girls aren't sexually attracted to athletes anymore, just guys who drive hybrids. Besides, he'll be a good boy and neglect deodorant application, so other girls are turned off by the faint scent of protein powder and sweaty balls. You know, basketballs, footballs, that sort of thing.

Stay tuned for more relationship tips. Until then, my rural Romeo pal needs some more love doctor advice.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Contagion leaves viewers unsettled

BEN LAWSON
Features Editor

"Contagion" allows for viewers own fear and paranoia to wash over them as they watch society crumble due to the outbreak of a deadly virus.

The film follows several characters as the virus spreads. Laurence Fishburne ("The Matrix") plays an official for the Center for Disease Control who attempts to find a cure, control the chaos and keep his own life in check. Matt Damon ("Good Will Hunting") is a father struggling to keep his family safe and fed. A journalist, played by Jude Law ("Sherlock Holmes"), tries to bring truth about the disease to the people but only adds to the fear and panic.

The film shows all aspects of the disaster in detail, from the panic spreading across the world,

to the scientists struggling to find a cure and the families trying to keep themselves together.

Movie goers looking for a lot of action should probably not see this movie. The whole film is tense and full of suspense but there are no car chases, gun fights or explosions, but there didn't need to be. It was just an examination of what the human race would do if it were threatened with extinction.

The acting was by no means incredible. All the actors filled their roles well, but it wasn't any of their best work. Damon and Gwyneth Paltrow ("Se7en") even had much less screen time than expected. But it works because the film isn't about one group of people, it is about the entire world.

The film-makers took a lot of chances in post-production work. The cinematography adds a lot of tension to the movie but at times

it seems fast-paced music and camera angles were used to cover up dry scenes.

This film is definitely not for germophobes. As the disease is spreading from person to person the camera follows everything an infected person touches. Which paints a very clear picture of just how easy it is for disease to spread.

The editing and pacing make this movie. Without it, would be dry and boring, but instead it is exciting and chilling. Viewers will leave this movie with a sickening feeling about just how easy it is for an epidemic like this to occur.



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Nike Mags

Nike pays tribute to Michael J. Fox by auctioning off 150 replica pairs of the shoes Fox wore in "Back to the Future Part II." All proceeds go to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's research.

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In a response to the iPad drastically cutting PC sales, Microsoft formally announced their new operating system Sept. 13. The system has a new visual design to make it optimal for touch-screens.

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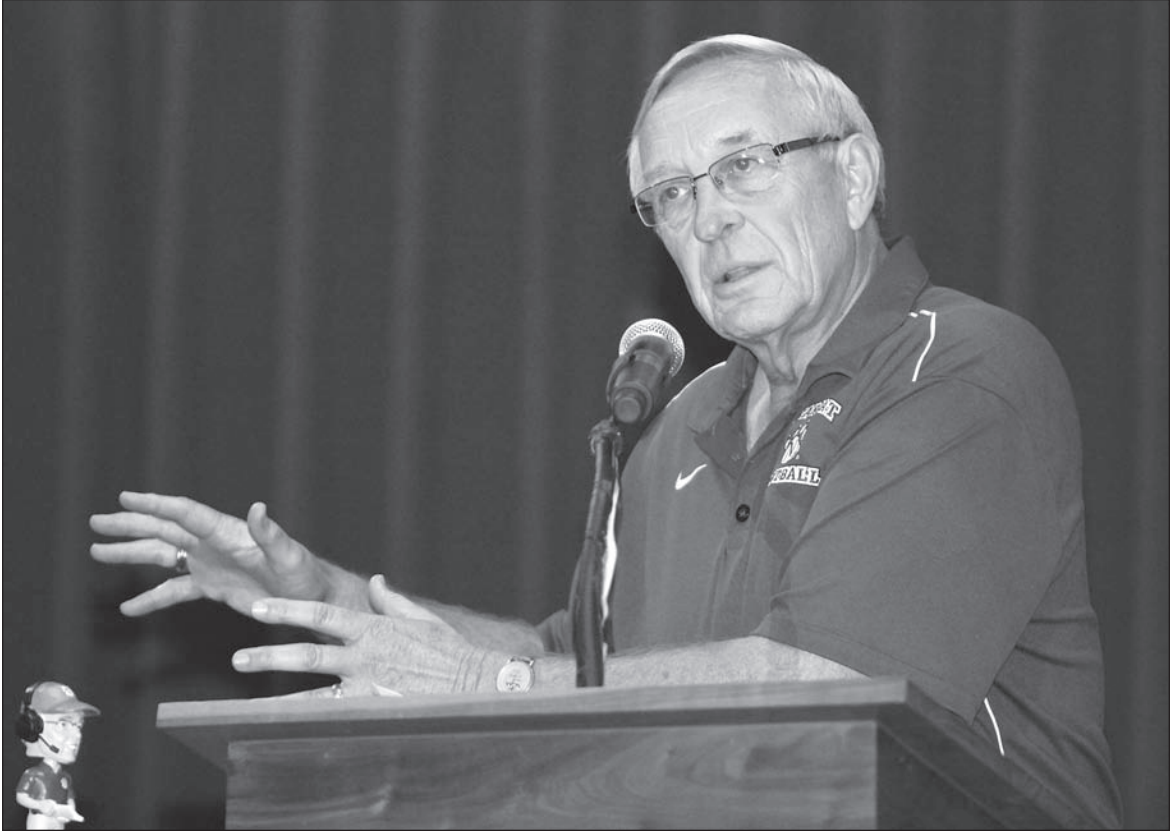
Poverty rate still climbing

The Office of Management and Budgeting announced the U.S. poverty rate rose to 15.1 percent in 2010. 46.2 million people are considered to be below the poverty line, 2.6 million more than last year.

Chief's Season Opener

The Kansas City Chiefs kicked off their season by giving up more points than ever in a season opener with 41-7 loss to the Buffalo Bills. This is a big disappointment to fans after a 10-6 record in the AFC last season.

FEATURE PHOTO



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Former head coach Mel Tjeerdsma speaks at a benefit dinner held in his and his wife Carol's honor Sept. 9 in Bearcat Arena. Tjeerdsma retired in December after 17 years at the helm of the Bearcat football team.



SKYE PEPPER | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior wide receiver Jake Soy turns up field after a catch in Northwest's 52-17 victory over Sioux Falls on Saturday. Soy had five catches for 131 yards.

Soy new all-time touchdown reception leader

TONY BOTTS
Co-Managing Editor

Two-time All-American senior wide receiver Jake Soy is no stranger to hauling in records during his time at Northwest.

With Soy's 52-yard touchdown catch against Sioux Falls last Saturday, he vaulted himself to the top of the MIAA touchdown receptions list. Soy is now the all-time conference leader with 41 career touchdowns to his name.

While at Northwest, Soy has snagged 192 passes for 3,168 yards. In his time with the 'Cats, the Durant, Iowa native has captured two other MIAA records, which include single-season touchdown receptions (27) and single-season receiving yards (1,559).

To go with his conference feats, Soy has stamped his name in the Northwest record book. Beside his single-season and career touchdown records, Soy is also the single-game touchdown record holder (4) and is second all-time in single-season receptions behind Jamaica Rector (92).

Soy's other single-game highs include 161 receiving yards on 12 catches against Texas A&M-Kingsville in the playoffs last November.

LAFAYETTE

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as many guys playing both ways, but we are pretty stuck."

Lafayette comes into the game having outscored their previous opponents 148-6.

"That's the way they started off last season, but they haven't played near the opponents we have," Holt said.

After years of running the spread offense, Lafayette has adopted a wing-T offense, similar to the 'Hounds' offense.

"Its like a mirror on offense," Holt said. "The key is that we have to tackle better, because these backs are pretty good."

The Fighting Irish were able to rack up 359 rushing yards last week against Bishop LeBlond.

The Spoofhounds resume conference play at 7 p.m. Friday at Maryville High School.

"They have some very capable running backs," Holt said. "When they get into space, they are hard to catch. We will be more sound against the run then the teams they have been playing, I guarantee."

SPORTS NOTES

Sports Staff

Golf opens season with tourney victory

The Northwest golf team opened its fall season on a successful note, capturing the title at the William Jewell Invitational.

After the first day, the 'Cats were tied for third at 343, just three strokes behind Rockhurst.

Freshman Ashley Powers, who finished third and tied a program record, shot a 78 on Friday, led the way.

Sophomore Cassie Lowell, last season's MIAA Freshman of the Year, finished fourth with a 164.

Fellow freshman Steph Charteris rounded out the 3-4-5 finish, shooting a 168 in the two-day tournament.

The 'Cats posted their lowest par 72 team score and second lowest team score in program history.

Bearcat volleyball hits tournament skid

The Bearcat volleyball team went 1-3 at the Southwest Baptist Purple Bash last weekend in Bolivar.

On Friday, Northwest split their two games, falling to Arkansas-Fort Smith and knocking off Central Oklahoma.

Senior setter Laura Akin recorded a double-double against Central Oklahoma with 49 assists and 13 digs.

Freshman Brooke Bartosh and sophomore Amy Majors led the team with 14 kills apiece. Sophomore Whitney Mason recorded 12 kills and a hitting percentage of .526. Senior Alex Hanna also hit double-digits in kills with 10.

The 'Cats were swept on Saturday, falling 3-0 to Minnesota State-Mankato and Lindenwood.

Akin recorded 24 assists against Lindenwood and Bartosh was the only player to reach double figures in kills with 12.

Northwest heads into conference play with a 3-5 record on the season.

Vandivert scores twice in Excelsior Springs

The Maryville boys' soccer team did a little bit of everything going 1-1-1 at the Excelsior Springs Tournament.

The Spoofhounds defeated Lafayette 2-0 in the opening round.

Senior Ryan Vandivert knocked a penalty kick home in the eighth minute and fellow senior Chris Holtman scored in the 50th minute on an assist from junior Zach Miller.

The 'Hounds ended in a 0-0 draw with Warrensburg on Saturday morning and finished the tournament by falling to host Excelsior Springs, 4-1.

Junior goalkeeper Michael Spencer had 16 saves in the morning game.

Vandivert tied the night game up at one with a penalty kick in the 26th minute, but Excelsior Springs scored two more first-half goals and tacked on a late goal to ice the victory.

Spoofhounds finish second in Higginsville

The Spoofhounds finished second in the Higginsville Tournament on Saturday with a 3-1-1 record.

Maryville split with Smith-Cotton in its opening match before wining three straight matches to reach the finals. The 'Hounds defeated Richmond and Higginsville in straight sets before taking down Warrensburg in three games.

Conference-foe Cameron defeated Maryville in straight sets in the championship game.

Junior Jessa Stiens led the team with 37 digs and 18 aces in the tournament. Stiens set a new school record with 12 aces in the victory over Richmond, topping the previous record of seven.

Senior Kaylee Green led the team with 30 kills in the tournament and junior Alyssa Stiens finished with 62 assists in the five games.

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MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo.....	3-1	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	2-1-1	0-0
Truman St.....	1-2-1	0-0
Mo. Western.....	1-2	0-0
Fort Hays.....	1-3	0-0
Emporia St.....	0-2-1	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	0-3-1	0-0
S.W. Baptist.....	0-3-1	0-0
Washburn.....	0-4-1	0-0

September 15:
NORTHWEST at Truman
S.W. Baptist at Mo. Southern
Central Mo. at Washburn
Emporia St. at Fort Hays

September 17:
S.W. Baptist at NORTHWEST
Mo. Western at Emporia St.
Fort Hays at Washburn
Truman at Central Mo.

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo.....	5-3	1-0
S.W. Baptist.....	5-3	1-0
Washburn.....	7-1	0-0
Emporia St.....	5-3	0-0
Truman St.....	5-3	0-0
Mo. Western.....	4-4	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	3-5	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	2-6	0-0
Fort Hays.....	6-3	0-1
Pitt. State.....	1-7	0-1

September 16:
Fort Hays at Pitt. State

September 17:
Emporia St. at Truman St.

NW FOOTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Pitt. State.....	2-0	2-0
NORTHWEST.....	2-0	1-0
Washburn.....	2-0	1-0
Central Mo.....	1-1	1-1
Fort Hays.....	1-1	1-1
Mo. Western.....	1-1	1-1
Truman St.....	1-1	1-1
Lincoln (Mo.).....	1-1	0-1
Mo. Southern.....	0-1	0-1
Emporia St.....	0-2	0-2

September 17:
Langston at Mo. Western
Central Mo. at Emporia St.
NORTHWEST at Lincoln (Mo.)
Washburn at Mo. Southern
S.W. Baptist at Fort Hays
Pitt. State at Truman

September 22:
Mo. Western at Washburn

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Lafayette.....	3-0	1-0
Savannah.....	3-0	1-0
MARYVILLE.....	3-0	1-0
Benton.....	2-0	1-0
Smithville.....	2-1	2-1
Chillicothe.....	2-1	0-1
Cameron.....	0-3	0-1
Bishop LeBlond.....	0-3	0-3

September 16:
Lafayette at MARYVILLE
Chillicothe at Bishop LeBlond
Benton at Cameron
Savannah at Smithville

Banged up lineup prepares for undefeated Irish

CHRIS SCHOONOVER
Chief Sports Reporter

After going on the road to defeat McCluer the Spoofhounds prepare to take on the undefeated Lafayette Fighting Irish.

After a six hour bus ride to St. Louis, the 'Hounds were able to jump out to a fast start, forcing a three-and-out for the Comets and scoring on their first drive off senior Nick Groumoutis' one-yard touch-down.

The game slowed down for Maryville on the Comets' next drive.

"They went on a long drive and the stadium and everything seemed to deflate," head coach Chris Holt said. "The officials were very mechanical and taking their time. We felt like we lost all of our tempo after that."

McCluer scored on a 1-yard touchdown run with one minute left in the first quarter and again, midway through the second quarter with a two-yard run.

Junior quarterback Jonathan Baker connected on a 44-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Kyle Leslie to give the 'Hounds back the lead,13-12, before halftime.

The Spoofhound defense was able to hold the Comet offense scoreless in the second half.

The defense was led by senior defensive end Matt Barnett, who finished the game with three sacks and five tackles.

Baker struggled early in the second half, throwing an interception on two consecutive drives.

"That caused him to slow down his thought process, so he was a little late in his delivery," Holt said. "The ball should have been coming out sooner. When he makes mis-



SETH COOK | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior running back Derek Stiens slips around a pair of Lawson defenders in Maryville's 48-0 win over Lawson on Aug. 26 at Maryville High School.

takes he has to learn from them."

Junior fullback Cole Forney was able to find the endzone on an eight-yard run near the end of the third quarter.

Forney finished with 45 yards rushing yards on seven carries and 27 receiving yards to go along with his touchdown. Forney also added seven and half tackles on defense.

Baker was able to put the game away late, with a 27-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Tyler Walter to make the final score 27-12.

Baker finished the game 11-of-17 for 166 yards.

The Spoofhounds come into this week's game against 3-0 Lafayette, beat up after taking on the big-

ger McCluer team.

Holt expects the 'Hounds to be without up to five starters due to injury.

"We are very banged up right now so we are having some kids play more than we want them to," Holt said. "We wouldn't like to have

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"The key is that we have to tackle better, because these backs are pretty good."

Chris Holt



SETH COOK | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior shortstop Holly Wilmarth makes contact with the ball in a loss against Chillicothe Tuesday. The hit resulted in a sacrifice fly and drove in the 'Hounds' third run. The 'Hounds face conference-rival Smithville tonight at Maryville High School.

Errors costly in close back-to-back MEC losses

JASON LAWRENCE
Sports Editor

For the second night in a row, a Maryville comeback fell short as the Spoofhound softball team fell to conference opponent Chillicothe on Tuesday.

"We had chances to beat them, and if you say we beat ourselves, that would be accurate," head coach Tom Scarbrough said.

"Defense wins no matter what sport – football, baseball, softball – it doesn't matter."

The Hornets used a four-run third inning to beat the 'Hounds 5-4.

Chillicothe struck first, scoring a run in the top of the first on an unearned run.

Senior center fielder Amanda Nally doubled in senior right fielder Hailey Roush to even the score in the bottom of the inning.

Two more unearned runs crossed the plate in the third before sophomore Kelsey Boley hit a two-run home run to center field to push the Hornets' lead to four.

Maryville committed four errors leading to three unearned runs.

"Losses come back to the errors," Scarbrough said. "When you have a walk and an error, then give up a home run, that's a problem. Our mental errors and our physical errors

beat us again."

Maryville answered in the bottom of the third inning. Junior first baseman Baylee Scarbrough drove in senior shortstop Holly Wilmarth, cutting the lead to 5-2.

Maryville junior pitcher Mikaila Wallace shut the Hornets down after that, registering seven strikeouts in the game.

Wilmarth drove in Nally, who tripled to lead off the fifth inning, with a sacrifice fly to cut the lead to two.

"She stood in there tough, right on that plate. Even though that pitch was a little bit away, Amanda turned on it," Scarbrough said. "She about hit it out of here, and if she hits it out of here, we've got a different type of game."

Maryville got a final chance in the bottom of the seventh as Baylee Scarbrough drove in Wilmarth to cut the lead to one with two outs. Wallace grounded out to second base to end the game.

Maryville dropped to 5-3 and 1-3 in the MEC after starting the season 5-0.

The 'Hounds are back on the diamond at 4:30 p.m. tonight against conference-foe Smithville.

"Smithville is just as good as Cameron or Chilli. We've got our hands full again at Smithville," Scarbrough said. "Our girls are back in the flow of things, so I think we'll be OK."

Tough course conditions hurt scores

TONY BOTTS
Co-Managing Editor

The Maryville girls' golf team did not have much to be pleased with Tuesday night, despite a 9-0 start to the season.

After dismantling Stanberry by 58 strokes, but missing a sub-200 team score, 201-259, head coach Brenda Ricks knew the team was not happy.

Ricks understands the girls' unhappiness, but noted the course's aerated back nine holes contributed to the girls' high scores.

"It's longer, it doesn't play much longer, but there's more walking and there's just more places to get in trouble," Ricks said. "It wasn't our best team score, but the other team really struggled, too."

"None of them liked their scores tonight. It's just part of going off the back...the other thing is the greens have been freshly aerated, so they're rolling pretty rough."

The Spoofhounds' Brooke Blyand paced the field and claimed the medalist position with her match-low 48.

Megan Shell and Jessica Pfost each shot 49, while Taylor

Maughan and Meghan Klass shot in the 50s, 55 and 58, respectively.

"I'm not disappointed at all," Ricks said. "I'm sure they don't like the fact that they didn't break 200...it was their worst showing, but it was a tougher course."

None of Stanberry's golfers shot below the 60-stroke mark.

Monday provided lower scores for the entire team as Maryville knocked off Savannah 188-205.

Blyand and Maughan were the only two 'Hounds to shave strokes off of Monday's totals. Blyand shaved two strokes from her previous total, while Maughan trimmed her score by one shot.

The Spoofhounds have a chance for redemption against St. Joseph Central and Lafayette at 4 p.m. Thursday at the St. Joseph Country Club.

"They're going to be up against a tougher course than what they are used to playing," Ricks said. "But the girls, they're residual. These girls bounce back."

"I don't only have one girl that shoots the low score...it's a really strong team. I'm looking forward to districts and I think they can do something at state this year, but we got to get there first."



SETH COOK | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior Jessica Pfost tracks her shot in a match against Savannah, Monday at Mazingo Lake Golf Course. Pfost finished second, shooting a 43, in Maryville's 17 stroke (188-205) victory.

Cross country starts season in right direction

JASON LAWRENCE
Sports Editor

The Bearcat cross country teams are using their wins in the Northwest Open as a stepping stone to something greater.

With the only small meet of the season, three teams, out of the way, the 'Cats remaining meets will all feature at least 20 teams.

At the Northwest Open, five of the top seven finishers on the men's side were Bearcats.

"Our depth is real good and that's the thing we were hoping for this year and I think this first meet really showed that," head coach Scott Lorek said. "We'll get into a meet that's a lot more competitive and we'll see where we stack up there."

"It was very encouraging, all the way through our ninth and 10th guys."

Senior T.R. Pursell led the way, finishing second in 21:06.5 and is pacing himself ahead of where he was last year, Lorek said.

"Having a small meet is kind of hard to get pumped up for," Pursell said. "It's always really nice to see how the guys are going to race this season on the team. I was pretty satisfied with what I did. I (hit a new personal record) from the other times I've ran it, so I can't argue too much about that."

Fellow senior Zach Layton finished third, six seconds behind Pursell.

On the women's side, senior Angela Adams won the event in 18:49, while battling a stomach ailment, to lead four Northwest runners in the top 10.



SKYE PEPPER | NW MISSOURIAN

Members of the Northwest cross country team lead the pack out of the gates at the Northwest Open on Friday night. The men's team won the event, beating three teams.

"She was really just praying for the finish line to come as quickly as possible, but it was still a very solid race," Lorek said.


Sophomore Katti Carroll fin-

ished second 19:13.4.

"Our women's team is one that really needs more time," Lorek said. "Certainly, Angela Adams and Katti Carroll established

themselves as great quality runners for us."

The 'Cats are back in action Saturday in Lincoln, Neb. at the Woody Greeno Invitational.

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Hoza, Northwest soccer kick off conference schedule

KYLE HENDRICKS
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest soccer team ended their first road trip of the season in a double-overtime 2-2 draw with the Newman University Jets in Wichita, Kan. on Sept. 10.

Sophomore transfer Victoria Von Mende scored both goals for the 'Cats. The draw was the first of the season for both the 'Cats and the Jets who each moved to 2-1-1 overall on the season.

Northwest struck first in the 12th minute on Von Mende's

first goal of the game off an assist by senior forward Tammie Eiberger.

"We're playing balanced right now," head coach Tracy Hoza said. "We're balanced on offense and defense and not only are we balanced, but there's area for improvement in the forwards by improving the attack."

Von Mende's second goal of the game and fourth of the season came in the 57th minute with the score tied 1-1. However, the lead would not last as the 'Cats surrendered the tying goal to Celia Meyers in the 87th minute.

"A draw is better than a loss," Von Mende said. "But obviously we'd rather get the win, especially when there was only on few minutes left in the game."

The 'Cats open up MIAA play at 1 p.m. today in Kirksville against Truman State. Truman comes into the game with a record of 1-2-1.

However, the match against Truman will not count towards the 'Cats' conference record due to the departure of Nebraska-Omaha to Division I.

The Bulldogs will be looking to bounce back after losing 4-2

to No. 24 Abilene Christian on Sept. 11.

"Truman is a very possession oriented team," Hoza said. "They are a quick move, one-two touch team and what we need to do is settle them down and slow them down. We need to make sure we don't get confused and just keep our eyes on the ball and the players around the ball."

Last season, the 'Cats went 0-1-1 against Truman, including a 1-0 loss to the Bulldogs in Kirksville.

"We're looking to bounce back and get a victory on their

turf this year," Von Mende said.

Von Mende was named the MIAA Soccer Athlete of the Week for her play last week. She is second on the team with four goals and is also second on the team with six shots on goal.

"I mean it's cool to get honored," Von Mende said. "But I'm not really thinking about that right now. I'm just focused on the team and on winning more matches."

After Truman, the 'Cats will play five straight home matches starting Sept. 17 against Southwest Baptist at Bearcat Pitch.

ATHLETES^{of the} WEEK



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Jordan Simmons



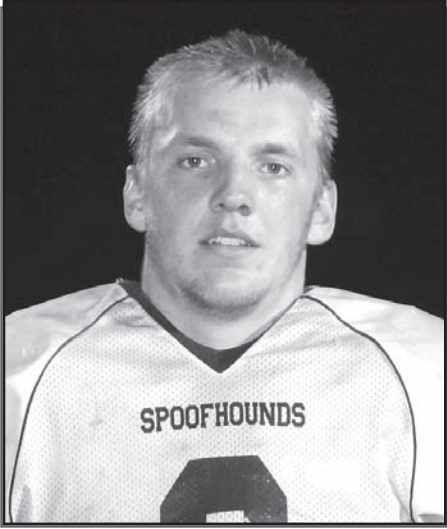
Junior running back Jordan Simmons ran for 76 yards and gained 55 yards through the air, scoring three touchdowns in the 'Cats' 52-17 win over Sioux Falls on Saturday.

Tori Von Mende



Sophomore forward Tori Von Mende scored four goals over the weekend, two in the 'Cats' 5-1 victory over Friends University and two in the 2-2 tie against Newman University.

Cole Forney



Junior fullback Cole Forney ran for 45 yards on seven carries including the game-clinching 8-yard score in the 'Hounds' 27-12 win over McCluer on Saturday.

Jessa Stiens



Junior libero Jessa Stiens recorded 18 aces and 37 digs in the Higginsville Tournament on Saturday. Her 12 aces against Richmond also set a new school record.

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Ground and pound Spoofhounds thrive

CHRIS SCHOONOVER

Chief Sports Reporter

Three games into the season and the Spoofhounds have been able to run through their opponents, without much resistance.

Since head coach Chris Holt has taken over the program, the 'Hounds have had year-in and year-out, the same game plan, run the ball.

"It's just the offensive philosophy that we have. We run a three back offense and we are going to run the ball," Holt said. "Are offense is flexible enough we can put in different types of athletes and be successful."

The Spoofhounds have been able to make second half comebacks in their last two games by keeping the opposing teams' offense off the field because of their ball control.

This year the rushing attack has been led by three backs: senior Nick Groumoutis, junior Cole Forney, and sophomore Trent Nally.

Nally was forced to step up in the second week of the season, with the 'Hounds down 18

points at halftime and an injury to Groumoutis.

"It's a lot faster and quicker. You have to always be on point," Nally said. "We were playing Lawson week one and a player came through and I hit him. I knew then I could I play at this level."

Nally proved to everyone else that he could play under the lights, as he racked up 117 yards and touchdown against Smithville.

Groumoutis was forced to sit out against Smithville with an ankle injury and watch his backfield take control of the game.

"At first I didn't think it would be that bad," Groumoutis said. "But after seeing everything going on and seeing the comeback, I really wanted to be in there."

"I feel pretty good and it doesn't bother me anymore...I just had to sit out a week and get ready for the next one."

Groumoutis was able to use that rest to his advantage as he as he was able to rush for two touchdowns against McCluer

Forney who leads the team with six touch-

downs, credits the their success is due to each other.

"Our running game has a lot of elements in it. We have speed, power, and our offensive line is doing a great job," Forney said. "I think its all just coming together."

The three backs know they are not the only things keeping this offense thriving.

"We rely on the offensive line so much," Nally said. "They are what makes us move. If it wasn't for them we wouldn't be able to run."

Although they are compete for playing time, the three players look for ways to make each other better football players.

"We always have friendly competition in practice and during lifting," Groumoutis said. "We are all just competitors."

With the season just underway, the backs see big things in their immediate futures.

"As a team we just want to keep winning, improving, and making a deep run in the play-offs," Forney said. "As running backs we don't set goals. We just get into the endzone."

New conference opponent awaits

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For the second week in a row, the Bearcat football team faces an unfamiliar opponent: Lincoln University.

This will be the first time any current member of the Northwest coaching staff has been to Jefferson City and it has been difficult to keep geared up for the Blue Tigers, especially given their recent history.

"We've tried to focus on the positive things," head coach Adam Dorrel said. "I've always felt we've done a good job around here of no matter who we play, we're going to play at a high level and play with high energy."

The last time Northwest played the Blue Tigers was in 1989 when the 'Cats came away with a 22-20 victory in Jefferson City.

Lincoln is coming off a 66-26 dismantling at the hands of Washburn in which the Ichabods led 35-0 five minutes into the game.

Turnovers doomed the Blue Tigers in their blowout loss and senior safety Derrick Hightower and Dorrel think that could be the case again this week.

"As long as that d-line keeps getting that pressure, when they throw the ball up, we'll go get it," Hightower said. "However he throws it, we'll take it."

The lone bright spot last week for Lincoln was sophomore running back Deon Brock, who rushed for 199 yards and four touchdowns to take over the NCAA Division II scoring lead at 19 points per game.



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Running back James Franklin has his eyes on the endzone after a hand off at Saturday's game against Sioux Falls. Franklin carried the ball 15 times for 66 yards.

Stopping Brock is one of the 'Cats' top priorities this weekend.

"Our defense is predicated off stopping the run," Dorrel said. "We are going to strategically try and stop them from running the ball and make them one dimensional."

Another priority is getting off to a quicker offensive start than in the 52-17 victory over Sioux Falls.

"Every week we just want to come out and play as fast and physical as we can," offensive coordinator Charlie Flohr said.

"We're going to have to make different adjustments throughout the course of a game, every week that we play an opponent, they're always going to try and give us something different that we haven't seen before. It's just a matter of how fast we can recog-

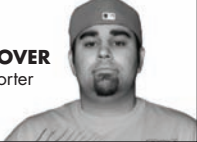
nize it and get it rolled over to our kids and go out and execute it."

The 'Cats look to keep up their MIAA-leading offensive trends, scoring almost 60 points per contest, this weekend. Kick-off is set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Dwight T. Reed Stadium in Jefferson City.

College players show true colors, fans take it step further

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College football connect with their fans unlike anything else in sports. In professional sports there is a barrier between the athletes and the fans.

The players are buying bottles of Patrón in the V.I.P. section, living in multi-million dollar mansions and have personal chefs. College players are going to class, hanging out in their two person dorms and eating in the cafeteria instead. Fans can walk into class and see the

starting wide receiver sitting across from them and tell them, "Hey, nice one handed grab last week."

Good luck walking up to Tom Brady in Wal-Mart and telling him about how you feel about his scrambling ability.

Being born and raised in Iowa, we all had to pick a side: Iowa or Iowa State. Once you make that pick you bleed those colors and every year, early in the fall, some of your life-long friends become your enemies.

The outcome of that game sets the tone for the rest of your weekend. You receive texts saying how weak your defensive line is or how next year things will be different.

Your Facebook is not safe either.

Your friends will not hesitate to post pictures of them on the field having the time of their lives or updating their status to let you know how proud they are to be part of the winning team.

Later at night when you go out, you will still be representing your team's colors.

Isn't that what makes college football great?

At Northwest, when you walk on to campus you become a Bearcat. Your Saturday mornings are filled putting on your favorite green shirt and going tailgating with your friends, even if you don't know a thing about football. If you are not from around Maryville, you soon become wrapped up in the Bearcat's

history and tradition.

All of this was exemplified this weekend. At halftime there was a ceremony for 17-year head coach Mel Tjeerdsma, who retired after last season. Most of the new students in the stands don't know about his work in the community or how he was winless in his first season at Northwest. They did know he was a pivotal part of the recent national championship team and that he was able to instill a winning tradition here.

This summer Tjeerdsma's successor and long time defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick passed away. The stands this weekend had a different look to them. Along with the usual Bearcat green, a sea of red

appeared in the crowd. Bostwick wore his red hat on the sidelines so his players would be able to spot him easily. To tribute him, fans purchased red hats to wear to the game. Even though most of the people in the stands never had the privilege to have a conversation with Coach Bostwick, they still showed their respects.

Even if you are not the starting tackle or even a manager, you still feel like part of the team. That is your team and that is your school. If the team loses, you are trying to figure out what went wrong. If the team fires their coach, you are looking for a new coach.

That's what makes college football great.